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GIBBONS BOXERS ARE CLAIMANTS OF TWO TITLES

Eddie Kane Manager of Two Fighting Brothers Claims the Middle and Light Heavy Championships for Them; Levinsky Defeat a Factor.

By T. S. ANDREWS.

THE Gibbons brothers—Tommy and Mike—are endeavoring to grab off two titles without getting into the marathon battles, as other fighters ahead of them have done. Manager Eddie Kane has issued an announcement to the effect that Mike is middleweight champion of the world and that Tommy is now light heavyweight champion because of his defeat of Battling Levinsky in a decision bout of ten rounds at St. Paul two weeks ago. Eddie alleges that before the contest Dan Morgan, manager of the Battler, and the Gibbons boys entered into an agreement whereby certain paper representatives were to render a decision and that the winner would take over the title which Levinsky had won in a decision contest with Jack Dillon. Had there been a knockout there would be good reason for Tommy claiming the title.

Nearly all the papers in the Twin cities gave Tommy the shade, but other reports were sent out to the effect that it was a draw and one of them had the Battler winning. Knowing Dan Morgan as we do, it is only reasonable to doubt his acceptance of any such plan about the title.

It is not likely that Daniel would go to a strange town and stake his money's title on a newspaper verdict. Daniel might use a lot of guile to help boost the show, but when it comes to jeopardizing the crown in such a haphazard manner, why there must be something wrong. Dan is too old a bird to be caught that way.

However, in order to make certain in regard to the claim, Mr. Morgan has been requested to verify the deal as reported by manager Kane, but up to date Daniel has not responded, no doubt being busy with the Battler and his many duties.

Boxers who are anxious for titles should be willing to go out and fight for them over the regulation course of 20 rounds and to a referee's decision. As to the claim of Mike for the middleweight crown, I agree with him. To my mind Al McCoy never was middleweight champion and of the entire bunch Mike Gibbons stands at the head of the list and should be recognized as such. As an middleweight champion, he should match up with Les Darcy, the Australian champion, for a world's title battle—the distance to be nothing under 20 rounds.

It is all right to get a nice chunk of coin for fighting, but there should also be a certain amount of real sporting blood mixed in such affairs. Mike Gibbons is a wonderful boxer and as such should uphold the dignity of the sport by accepting Darcy's offer, although matters may be adjusted. Lippe is willing to take any chance to get the match with Darcy, as he feels it is his duty to bring the boys together and prove his contention that Darcy did not beat Smith fairly in Australia. On Jan. 22, 1915, Smith and Darcy met in the stadium at Sydney for a championship match of 20 rounds, but in the fifth round Darcy refused to continue, claiming he had been fouled by Smith. The decision went to Jeff. On May 22 of the same year they were matched again and this time Smith lost on a foul in the second round. There was a great deal of trouble as a result of this fight, promoter Snowy Baker declaring that Smith had purposely lost on a foul.

The matter was taken to the courts and the stadium directors barred Smith from any more fights there. Lippe protested, but the ruling stood and Smith and his manager left Australia. That is why Jeff is so anxious now to get another match with Darcy. It will be over the marathon route and the fans will have an opportunity to find out just how good the Australian is.

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GREAT HITTERS ARE VALUABLE

Batsmen Even More Valuable Than Good Pitchers Is Manager's Belief.

New York, April 10.—Which is the most valuable asset to a ball club—a great pitcher or a great hitter?

Here is a question that may be argued pro and con from morning till night, and many reasons can be advanced from both ends of the argument.

But if you want to take a salary basis for it, the argument will end in favor of the great hitter, for the club owners prove it by the salaries they pay.

Take the great hitters of the game—Speaker, Cobb, Chase, Wagner, Jackson and others. Speaker, Cobb and Wagner have for a number of years been the highest salaried players in the game, and whenever it comes to the pocketbook of a club owner, the great offensive player has the best chance.

The managers are willing to pay more money for the offensive star than they will for a player whose main value is his defensive strength.

For baseball is a game where offensive playing is the most difficult, and whenever a player shows above his fellows in attacking power he can command the largest salary every time.

FURNITURE TEAM BESTS RAILROAD

The El Paso Furniture baseball team still are on their winning streak. The new victim added was the El Paso & Southwestern team. Score 15-10. Owing to the rough formation of the founder grounds, good fielding was difficult, which accounts for the high scores made. Nevertheless it was a pretty contest. The Furniture men have recently acquired two new players, Marty Falk, shortstop, and Jack Rutherford, pitcher. The personnel of the team is as follows: Lewis Martz, C. Make, Jack Rutherford, P. S. Rosenthal, S. Sackett, M. Falk, R. Aronson, J. Patterson, infielders; M. Grossblatt, F. Patterson, C. Aronson, M. Wyler, outfielders. Next Sunday the furniture men meet the strong Acme team at the foundry grounds.

The El Paso Furniture team is out with a deft for games with teams out of town. Anthony, Las Cruces, Clint Fabens, Alamogordo or any other town. Strictly amateurs. For dates write C. Aronson, care of El Paso Furniture company, city.

PRACTICE HARD FOR SHOW.

Athletic classes who will give an exhibition during the annual spring circus of the Y. M. C. A. are practicing four times a week at the association gymnasium and are attaining a high state of efficiency. One of the features of the circus will be an illuminated Indian club swinging exhibition by the members of the regular class.

TO HELP RIFLE CLUB.

The Los Angeles city council has been asked to lend its moral and financial support to a proposed municipal rifle club. The matter was submitted to the city authorities by E. E. Harriman, a rifle club enthusiast, who has suggested the city establish a municipal rifle range for the club.

BOYS TRAINING IN AUSTRALIA

Youthful Boxers Becoming So Numerous That They Are Hard to Handle.

The introduction of boxing into the public schools of Australia by Snowy Baker has met with so much success that the promoters of the big Sydney stadium is finding it a hard matter to take care of the youngsters. As a result of all the boxing in schools and other places there are hundreds of boys in the lighter classes, whereas a few years ago it was almost impossible to find boxers of any class under the 125 pounders. Now they can boast of many stars in the flyweight and bantamweight classes.

The military authorities have also taken the matter up and urge the young men to follow boxing as it is a splendid means of keeping them in condition for military service. Owing to the many youngsters taking up the sport, Mr. Baker has arranged a new set of weights so as to give all of them a chance to take part in the weekly tournaments at the big stadium.

The weights are as follows: Heavy weight, 175 pounds; middle weight, 155 pounds; welter weight, 145 pounds; featherweight, 125 pounds; bantam weight, 115 pounds; flyweight, 105 pounds.

EARL CADDOCK BESTS STECHER

Omaha, Neb., April 10.—Earl Caddock of Anita, Iowa, former national amateur wrestling champion, Monday night was given a decision over Joe Stecher of Dodge, Neb., claimant to the world's heavyweight championship after Stecher refused to wrestle for the third fall. Caddock won the second fall in 1:30.10 with a full Nelson. Stecher won the first fall in 1:22.15 with a scissors hold and hammer lock.

During the wrestling for the second fall Stecher was thrown to the mat and Caddock claimed a fall but Cy Sherman, the referee, ordered the wrestling continued. The crowd about evenly divided, shouted its protest on approval. The officials retired. It was said there was a heated argument among them as to whether Stecher had been thrown, the time keeper, Robert Murphy, maintaining he had.

WHITEY BURNS HAS RETURNED

Whitey Burns, the clever artillery boxer who has been on a tour for some time, returned to El Paso Monday morning from Scranton and New-castle, Pa. Burns is attached to one of the regular artillery regiments in the El Paso military district and will doubtless be seen in action soon against some of the middleweights of this section.

Burns will be remembered as the boy who outpointed Battling Torrance of the 23rd regular infantry at the smelter several weeks ago.

MORRIS WINS FIGHT.

Baltimore, Md., April 10.—With a right cross to the jaw, Carl Morris of Wales won the third round of their scheduled 15 round fight here Monday night.

VETERAN IS LAST MANAGER

Jack Barry of Boston is the Last Playing Pilot of Two Big Leagues.

ONLY SIX PILOTS IN CLASS "AA"

By JACK VEECK.

NEW YORK, April 10.—With the exception of Jack Barry, at Boston, playing managers have passed from the major leagues, and Barry does not expect to continue as a player many seasons.

Christy Mathewson, according to reports from Cincinnati, may try out his trusty wing in a few games for the Reds this year, but Christy can hardly be classed as a playing manager, for he is practically through as a pitcher.

So the big league clubs, with Barry's exception, are sporting bench managers, and most of the clubs in the three big minor leagues have followed suit.

In Ed Harrows' circuit Larry Law, Toronto, Dan Howley, at Montreal, and Mike Doolan, at Rochester, are the only managers who will play ball this season. Dan Donovan, at Buffalo; Tom Needham, at Newark; Billy Smith, at Richmond; Jack Dunn, at Baltimore, and Jack Egan, at Providence, will manage from the bench.

Joe Tinker, now manager of the Columbus club of the American Association, and Homer Breanahan, the Iron Duke of Toledo, are the only pilots in Tom Hickey's circuit who will do the spangies. Tinker announced when he took over the Columbus club that he would occupy the hot corner for his team, and Breanahan will stick a few games for Toledo and may fill in now and then when one of his outfielders needs a rest.

In the Pacific Coast league George Stovall, newly appointed manager of the Vernon club, will take picks on the offerings of the pitchers as first sacker for his entry in Al Baum's pennant chase. Frank Chance, of Los Angeles, Harry Wolverton, of San Francisco, Del Howard, of Oakland, Bill Bernhard, of Salt Lake, and Walter McCredie, of Portland, are all bench skippers.

The American Association managers who boss the boys from the shelter of the bench are Bill Cismmer, Louisville; John Gansel, Kansas City; Danny Shay, Milwaukee; Jack Hendricks, Indianapolis; Mike Kelley, St. Paul; and Joe Cantillon, Minneapolis.

Playing managers, according to the belief of most club owners, do not get the same results as the manager who directs a team from the bench. In addition to the worries of managing a club they have the worries of playing as well. So the playing manager, we find, is just about as scarce as hen molars.

RESULTS

—In Baseball—

TEXAS LEAGUE.			
At Ft. Worth. Score:			
Shreveport.....	5	2	1
Lubbock.....	3	1	2
Leverett, Countryman and Woodall; Gleason, Duffy and Smith, Betts.			
At Beaumont. Score:			
Beaumont.....	4	6	2
Houston.....	6	1	1
Francis and Bobo; Uhl, Glenn and Noves.			
At Galveston. Score:			
Galveston.....	6	5	0
San Antonio.....	12	2	2
Jacobus, Kerr and Smith; May and Reilly.			
At Waco. Score:			
Waco.....	2	3	1
Dallas.....	6	1	0
Donalds and Vann; Lewis, Sewell and Coleman.			

Columbus, Ohio, April 10.—Cleveland Americans 5; Columbus American association 1.
Toledo, Ohio, April 10.—Detroit Americans 5; Toledo American association 9.
Des Moines, Iowa, April 10.—Score: Chicago Americans 6 14 0
Des Moines Western 1 8 2
Crockett and Lynn; Kinney, Flaherty, Bregar and Breen, Higany.

BOWLING.

Cactus Club—Industrial League.			
Cement Plant—Tot	50	24	74
O. J. Blanford.....	165	125	290
W. R. Anderson.....	152	125	277
R. Marshall.....	114	175	289
C. Griggs.....	167	121	288
E. L. Clark.....	159	124	283
Totals.....	755	575	1330
Points won—Cement Plant, 2; Packers, 1.			
High game—Blanford, 275.			
High total—Blanford, 575.			
Strike out—Wesley, Blanford, Debrun.			
Real Estate.....	147	175	322
C. Cunningham.....	147	175	322
E. Wolf.....	115	125	240
F. Wolf.....	125	175	300
H. C. Barstow.....	177	121	298
W. Dook.....	143	154	297
Totals.....	715	820	1535
Cement Plant—Tot	50	24	74
O. J. Blanford.....	152	125	277
W. R. Anderson.....	155	125	280
R. Marshall.....	114	175	289
C. Griggs.....	167	121	288
E. L. Clark.....	159	124	283
Totals.....	726	575	1301
Points won—Cement Plant, 4.			
High game—Blanford, 275.			
High total—Blanford, 575.			

KOHLBERG TEAM WINS.

The Kohlberg Invincibles defeated the J. & E. Esquitos Sunday afternoon in a baseball game by the score of 15 to 10. The two teams are scheduled to meet again next Sunday afternoon. The batteries for the Kohlberg company were Ronquillo and Gomez, and for the J. & E. Esquitos were Corral and the J. & E. Esquitos.

FLYNN FIGHTS DRAW.

Denver, Colo., April 10.—Joe "Wop" Flynn of Denver, and Otto "Young" Wallace, of Milwaukee, lightweights, boxed 10 rounds to a draw here Monday night.

MAJOR PLAYERS AGAINST COAST

Players Who Train in California Grow Stale Early According To Pilot.

Indications are that Pacific coast fans will see no more of the major leaguers unless they come east to witness them in action during the regular playing season.

The trip taken to the far away coast this year by the Chicago Cubs will probably be the last trip of a major league club to that part of the country, for the expense of taking a club to California is enormous, and big league managers have found that long jaunts do the players more harm than good.

Fred Mitchell, the Cubs' new pilot, was disappointed over the long trip to the coast this spring. On his way home he took occasion to say that if he had his way the Cubs will not be taken to the coast next year, for he is convinced that his team has not received the benefits it could have gotten before the Mason-Dixon line. Fact is Mitchell believes the Cubs went stale.

The weather in California is ideal for training, and the long trip is a wonderful experience, but many days spent in stuffy Pullman cars, hard jumps for exhibition games that must be scheduled if a club is to cut down the heavy expense of such a trip, and the early start necessary are hurtful rather than advantageous.

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PRACTICE GAMES TO BE TABOOED

Ban Johnson and Gov. Tener Are Against Pre-Season Series By Teams.

The interleague exhibition series indulged in by major league clubs this spring will probably be tabooed next year.

Big Ben Johnson is opposed to them and Gov. John K. Tener does not believe they are the best thing for baseball.

The stand taken by Johnson is that defeats suffered in the spring take prestige away from a ball club, and the interest of the fans in a team that loses many games before the season opens is bound to wane.

Last year the Cubs made a big mistake by arranging a series of games with the Phillies, a club in their own league. What those Phillies did to the Cubs was plenty, and when Joe Tinker got his team back home he found that the fans in Chicago were anything but enthusiastic. The Cubs had shown themselves up before the race started.

The interleague plan is little, if any better, for exhibition games between the various teams, just before they start on their seasonal races, show them up in many ways, and the team which loses returns home to find the baseball bugs wielding their hammers.

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